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HEDGEHOG

PREVIOUSLY...

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are racing around the globe, trying to bring an end to the **Shattered World Crisis!**

To do this, they need the Chaos Emeralds! Luckily, Sonic and his friends managed to win one in a fighting tournament!



There was no time to rest, though, as Sally took a team to investigate a **strange threat on Isolated Island...**

Meanwhile, Sonic answered a call for help in **Apotos!** Along the way, he ran into Silver and learned of the new threat of the **Genesis Portals!**

Now Sonic seeks out the sage Gregorios, who claims to hold the key to help him **save the world...**



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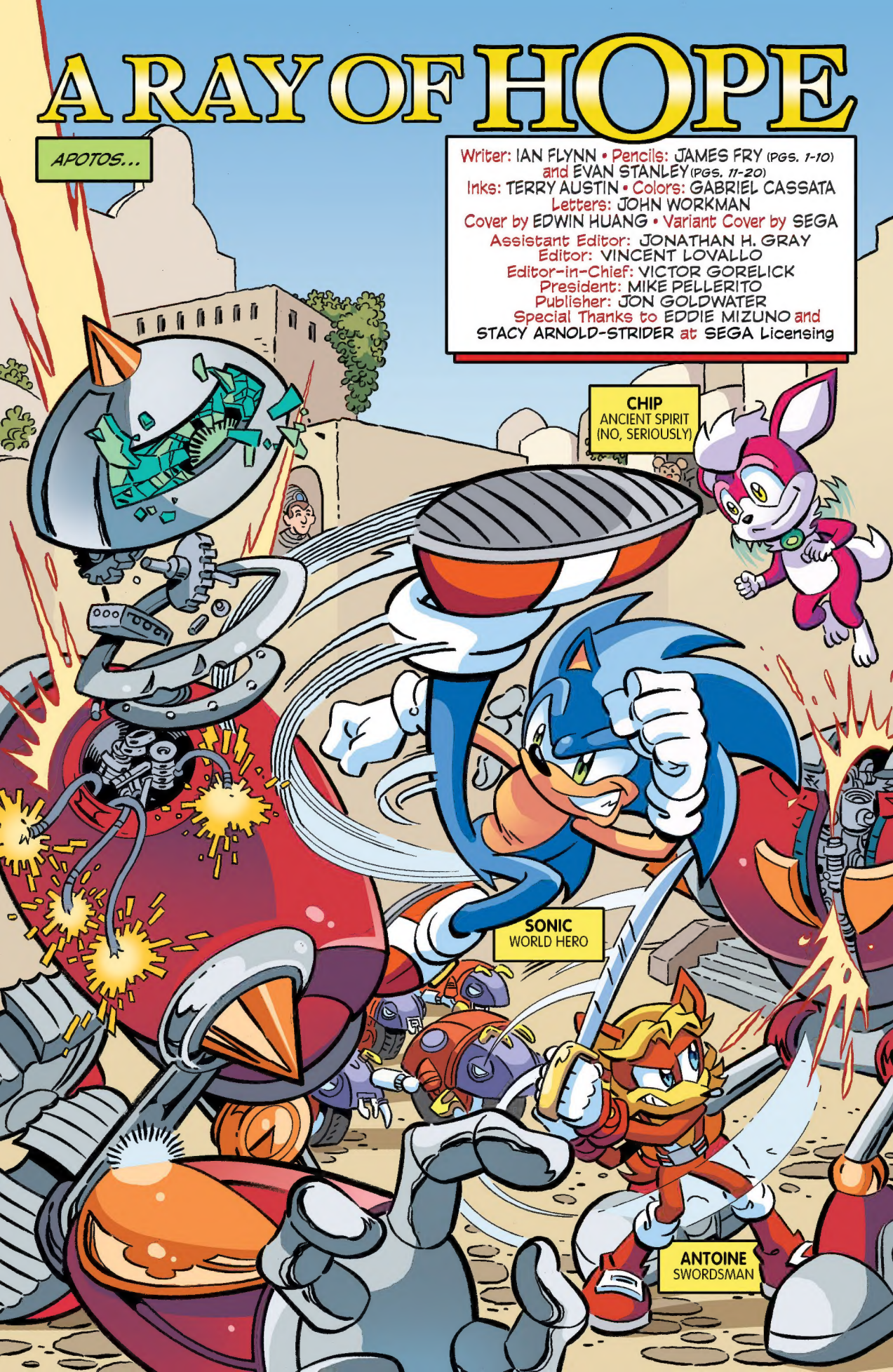
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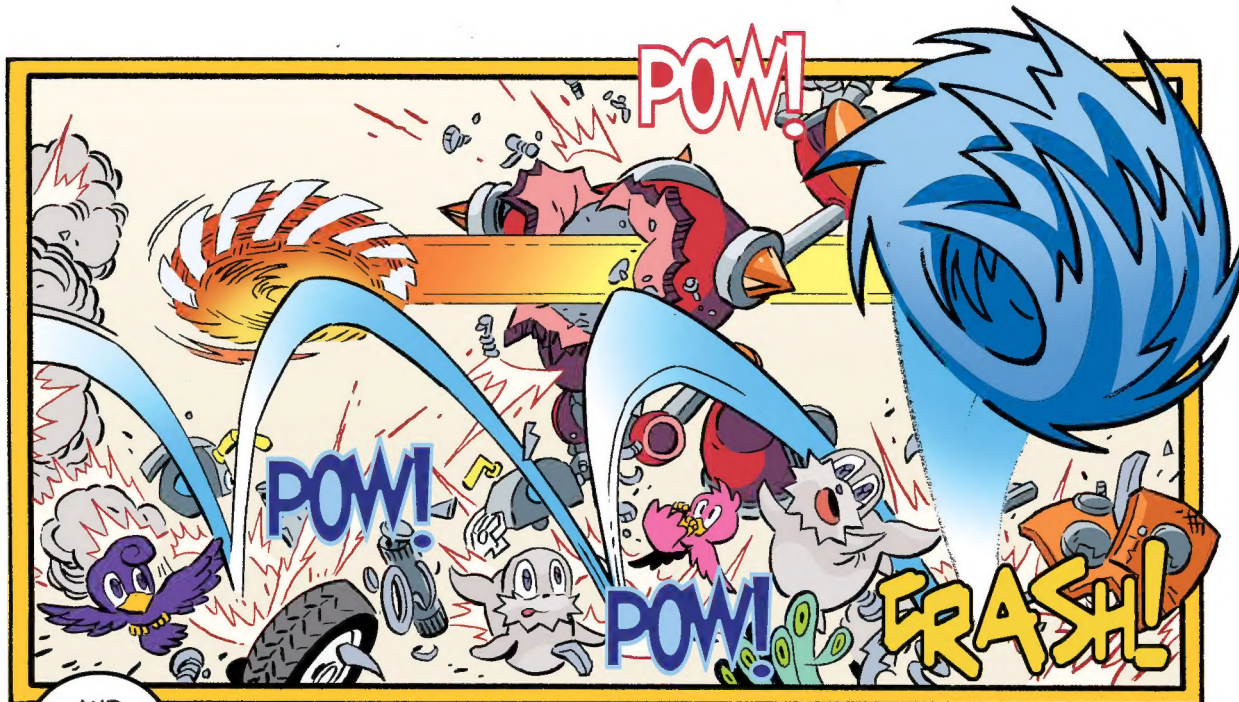
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CHIP
ANCIENT SPIRIT
(NO, SERIOUSLY)

SONIC
WORLD HERO

ANTOINE
SWORDSMAN





AND THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE!

WOW! YOU GUYS ARE SO COOL!

ZERE ARE QUITE ZE MANY BADNIKS FOR SUCH ZE QUAINT TOWN, NON?

YEAH, AND I TANGLED WITH A FEW BEFORE I RAN INTO SILVER.*

WHEN WAS ZAT?

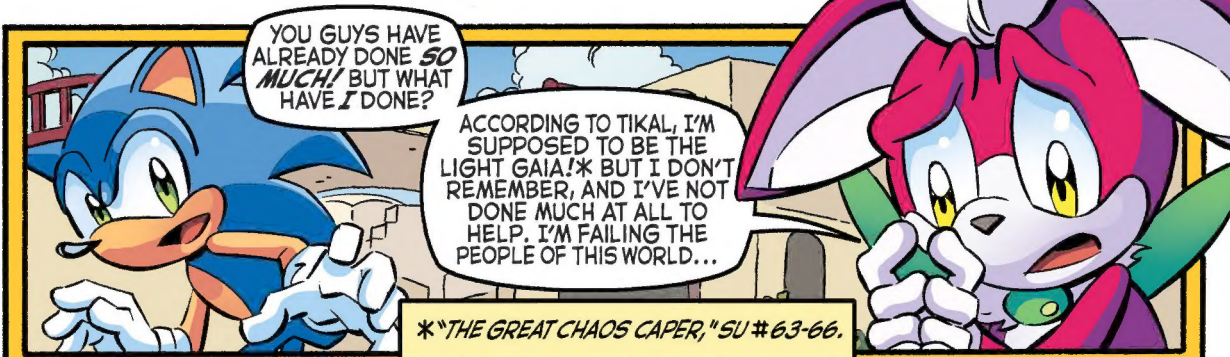
RIGHT AFTER WE WRAPPED UP THAT OTHER MISSION. I TRY TO KEEP BUSY.

IF EGGMAN IS SHOWING SUCH INTEREST IN ZE AREA, PERHAPS ZIS GREGORIOS FELLOW REALLY DOES HAVE AN IMPORTANT SECRET?

WON'T HURT TO CHECK. WE'RE DOING OKAY FOR FINDING CHAOS EMERALDS.

*SONIC COMIC ORIGINS #6--READ FOR YOURSELF IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE #14!

BUT WE'RE WAY BEHIND ON FINDING GAIA TEMPLES.



YOU GUYS HAVE ALREADY DONE *SO MUCH!* BUT WHAT HAVE *I* DONE?

ACCORDING TO TIKAL, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE LIGHT GAIA!* BUT I DON'T REMEMBER, AND I'VE NOT DONE MUCH AT ALL TO HELP. I'M FAILING THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD...

*"THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER," SU # 63-66.



HEY--YOU *DO* WANT TO SAVE EVERYONE, RIGHT?

R-RIGHT!

AND YOU'RE GOING TO DO EVERYTHING TO HELP US, RIGHT?

O-O OF COURSE!

THEN DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WORRYING ABOUT DOING ENOUGH AND JUST *DO* IT! YOU'RE HERE WITH US NOW, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS.



YOU'RE RIGHT! AS "CHIP" OR THE "LIGHT GAIA," I PROMISE TO GIVE MY ALL TO SAVE THE WORLD!



...RIGHT AFTER I HAVE ONE OF THESE!

OHMYGOSH!



MEANWHILE, ABOARD
THE SKY PATROL...

... SO I HAD TO SHATTER
THE MASTER EMERALD.
AGAIN. AND ITS SHARDS
RAINED DOWN ON THE
MESSED-UP PLANET. *

I THOUGHT I WAS
HUNTING DOWN ONE OF
THE SHARDS WHEN I
ENDED UP GETTING
ROPED INTO THE
FIGHTING TOURNAMENT.

*"TOTAL ECLIPSE,"
SU # 67-70.

YEAH, AND THEN
YOU KNOCKED ME
OUT OF THE RING...

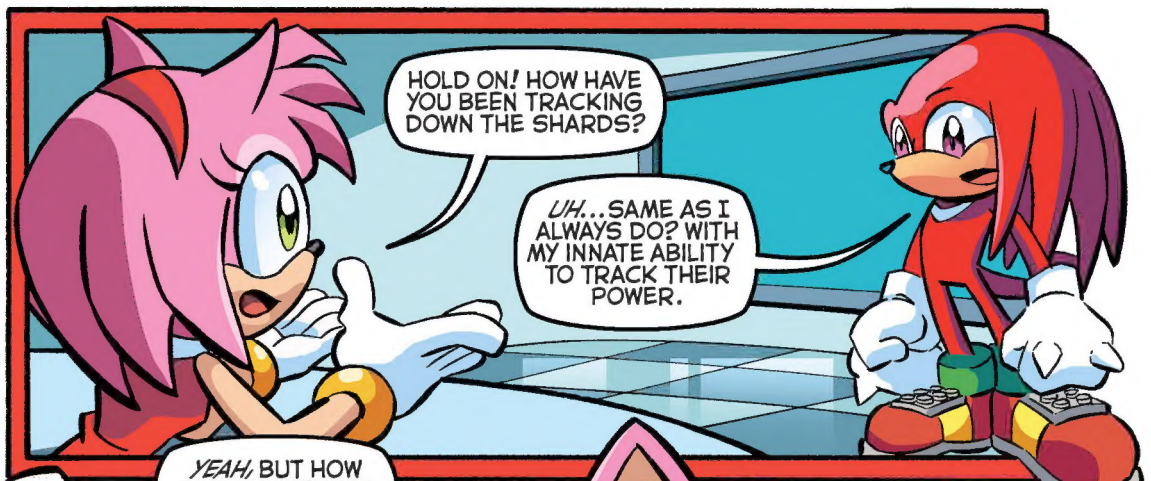
NOW-NOW, AMY, DON'T
BE A SORE LOSER!

WHAT ABOUT YER
ISLAND? WITHOUT
THE MASTER
EMERALD'S POWER,
IT'LL FALL. AND
WITH THE PLANET
LIKE IT IS...

NO, IT'S STILL FLOATING
--JUST LIKE ALL THE
CONTINENTS. I GUESS
ONE GOOD THING HAD
TO COME OF ALL THIS.

BUT THAT MEANS
IF WE FIX THE
PLANET, YOUR
ISLAND WILL FALL!

BUT IT'S NOT LIKE
WE CAN POSTPONE
SAVING **EVERYONE**...



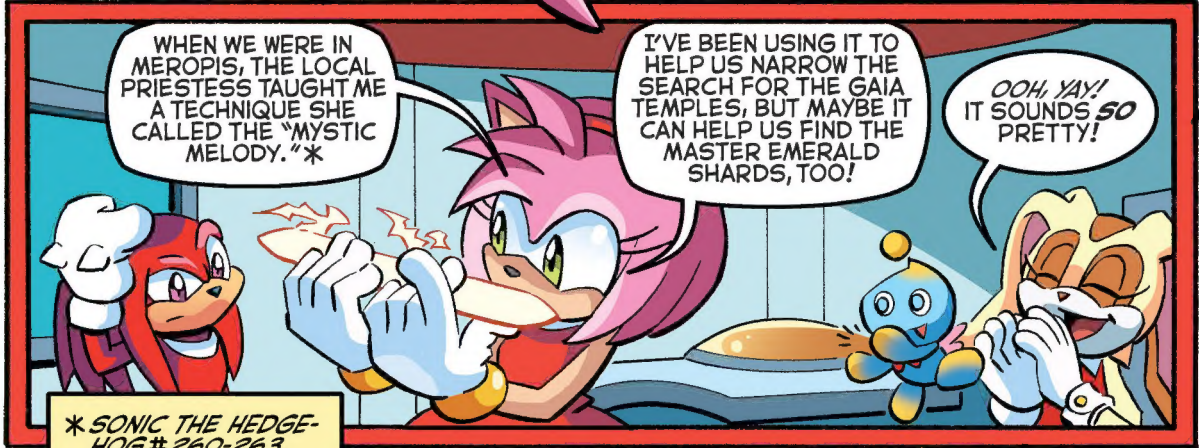
HOLD ON! HOW HAVE YOU BEEN TRACKING DOWN THE SHARDS?

UH... SAME AS I ALWAYS DO? WITH MY INNATE ABILITY TO TRACK THEIR POWER.

YEAH, BUT HOW MUCH RANGE DO YOU GET ON THAT?

I DUNNO, A FEW MILES? BEYOND THAT, IT'S GUESS WORK.

I *THOUGHT* SO! I THINK I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA!



WHEN WE WERE IN MEROPIS, THE LOCAL PRIESTESS TAUGHT ME A TECHNIQUE SHE CALLED THE "MYSTIC MELODY."*

I'VE BEEN USING IT TO HELP US NARROW THE SEARCH FOR THE GAIA TEMPLES, BUT MAYBE IT CAN HELP US FIND THE MASTER EMERALD SHARDS, TOO!

OOH, YAY! IT SOUNDS *SO* PRETTY!

* SONIC THE HEDGE-
HOG #260-263.



YEAH...YEAH!
I CAN SEE IT!
THERE'S ONE
IN APOTOS!

REALLY? THEN IF I
GET TO THE SURFACE, I
SHOULD BE ABLE TO
TRACK IT FROM THERE!

THIS IS
PERFECT!
I CAN FIND
THEM FROM A
DISTANCE--

--AND I CAN FIND
THEM AT
SHORT-
RANGE!

THAT'S GREAT AND ALL, BUT
REMEMBER FIXING THE **WHOLE
PLANET?** AMY'S OUR BEST
CHANCE AT FINDING THE
TEMPLES. I MEAN, YOU GUYS
WERE GONE WITH SONIC AND
ANTOINE ON A SCOUTING
MISSION, AND THE SKY PATROL
ALMOST GOT OVERRUN!*

WE CAN'T
DIVIDE OUR-
SELVES UP, OR
GO FLYING
EVERYWHERE
WHILE THE WORLD
SUFFERS!

ANGEL ISLAND
IS PART OF
OUR WORLD, ROTE.

*"SPARK OF LIFE," SU#71.

MISTER
KNUCKLES
BROUGHT US A
CHAOS EMERALD,
AND HELPED US
WIN ANOTHER! IT'S
ONLY FAIR THAT
WE HELP HIM!

HEY-HEY-HEY!
I'M NOT SAYING
WE **DON'T** HELP
KNUCKLES! WE
CAN TRY TO
THINK OF
SOMETHING.

BUT WE'VE GOT TO
PRIORITIZE THE
ENTIRE WORLD, NOT
JUST A PIECE OF IT.
AND TO DO **THAT...**

"... WE'VE GOT TO FIND THE GAIA TEMPLES."

I'M SORRY, MY FRIENDS, BUT THERE ARE NO SERVICES SCHEDULED FOR TONIGHT.

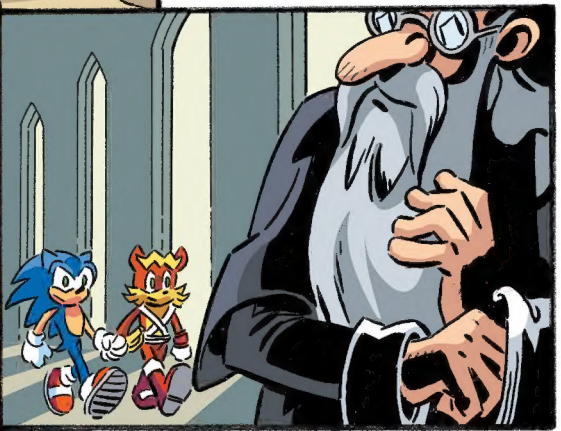
AND SINCE I'M SO AWESOME, I EVEN BROUGHT THE LIGHT GAIA WITH ME!

OOPS! UH--HELLO, SIR!

YO, GRAMPS. I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU SENT FOR ME.

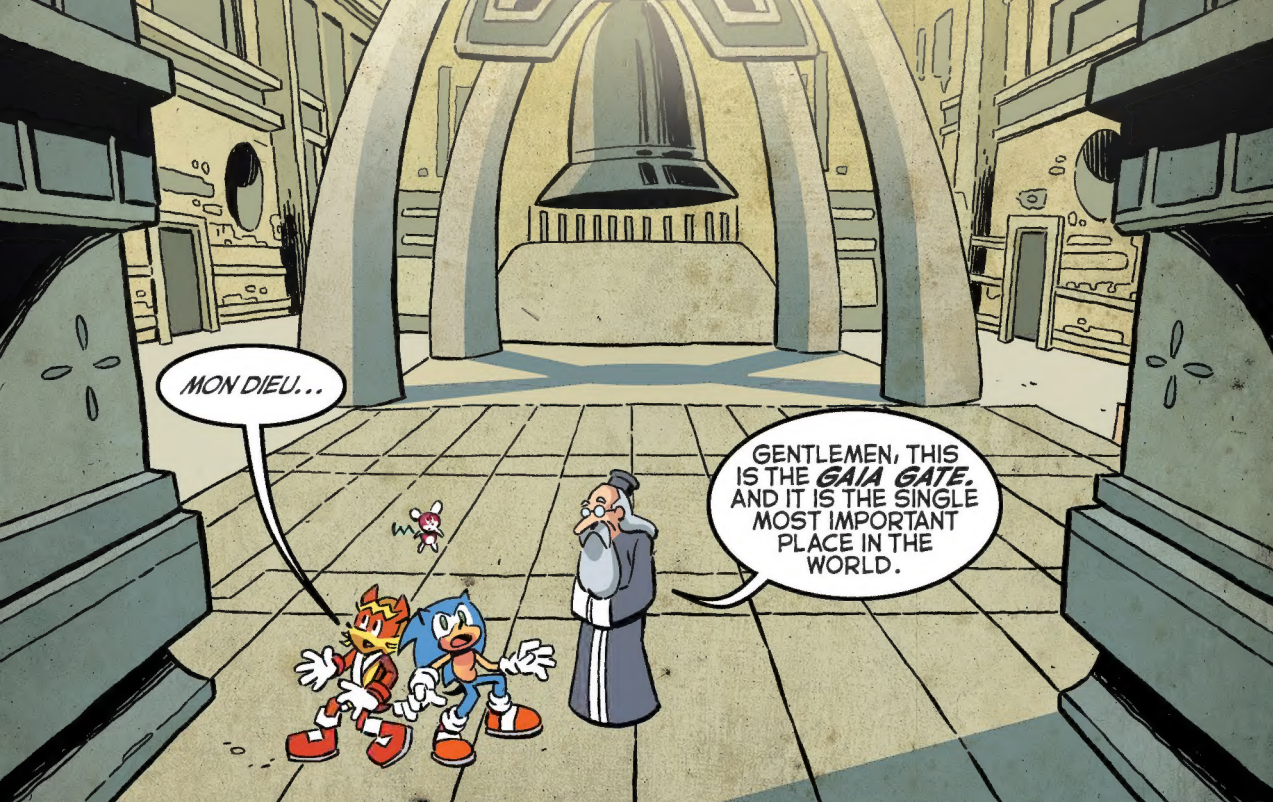


YOU ARE TRULY THE HERO THEY SAY YOU ARE! MY NAME IS GREGORIOS. PLEASE-- FOLLOW ME.



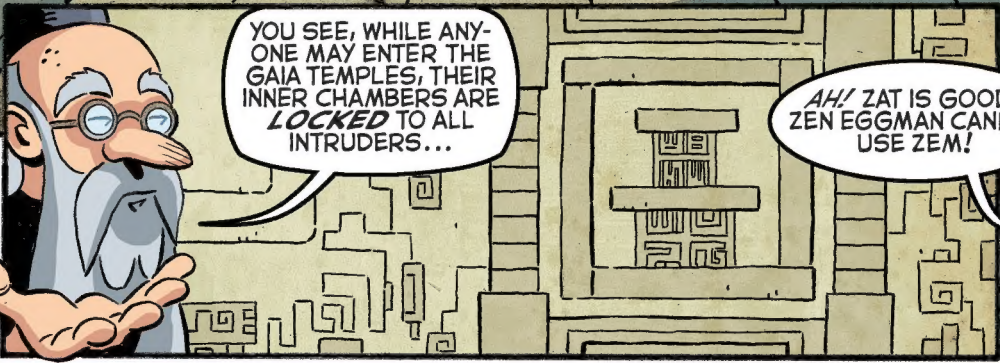
KER-DAK!





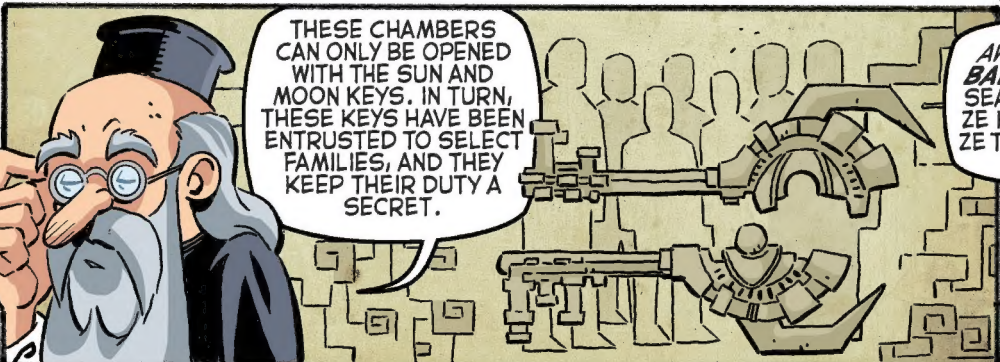
MON DIEU...

GENTLEMEN, THIS IS THE **GAIA GATE**. AND IT IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT PLACE IN THE WORLD.



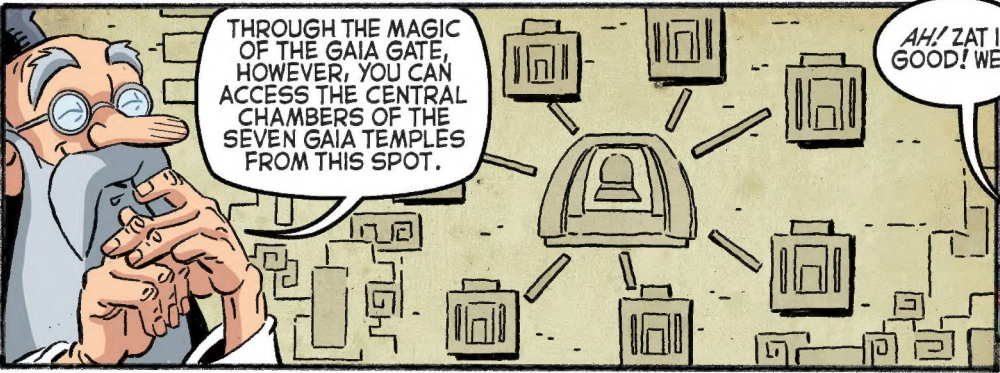
YOU SEE, WHILE ANYONE MAY ENTER THE GAIA TEMPLES, THEIR INNER CHAMBERS ARE **LOCKED** TO ALL INTRUDERS...

AH! ZAT IS GOOD! ZEN EGGMAN CANNOT USE ZEM!



THESE CHAMBERS CAN ONLY BE OPENED WITH THE SUN AND MOON KEYS. IN TURN, THESE KEYS HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO SELECT FAMILIES, AND THEY KEEP THEIR DUTY A SECRET.

AH...ZAT IS BAD. NOW WE SEARCH FOR ZE KEYS AND ZE TEMPLES?!



THROUGH THE MAGIC OF THE GAIA GATE, HOWEVER, YOU CAN ACCESS THE CENTRAL CHAMBERS OF THE SEVEN GAIA TEMPLES FROM THIS SPOT.

AH! ZAT IS GOOD! WE--

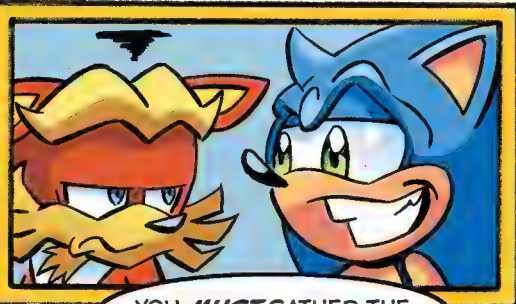
KNOCK IT OFF, 'TWAN!



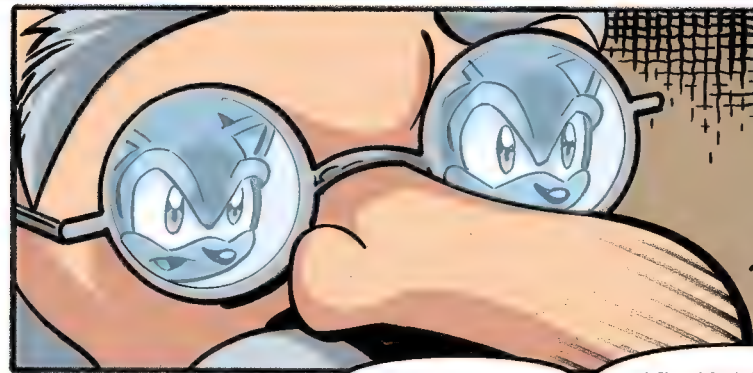
AWESOME! WE CAN BRING ALL THE KEYS BACK HERE AND FIX THE WORLD ALL IN ONE GO!

AND WE WILL NOT BE HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT ZE EGG ARMY SNEAKING IN AFTER WE ACCESS A TEMPLE!

ZUT ALORS! ZAT IS SO BON! WHAT ELSE CAN I BE STATING THE OBVIOUS ON?!

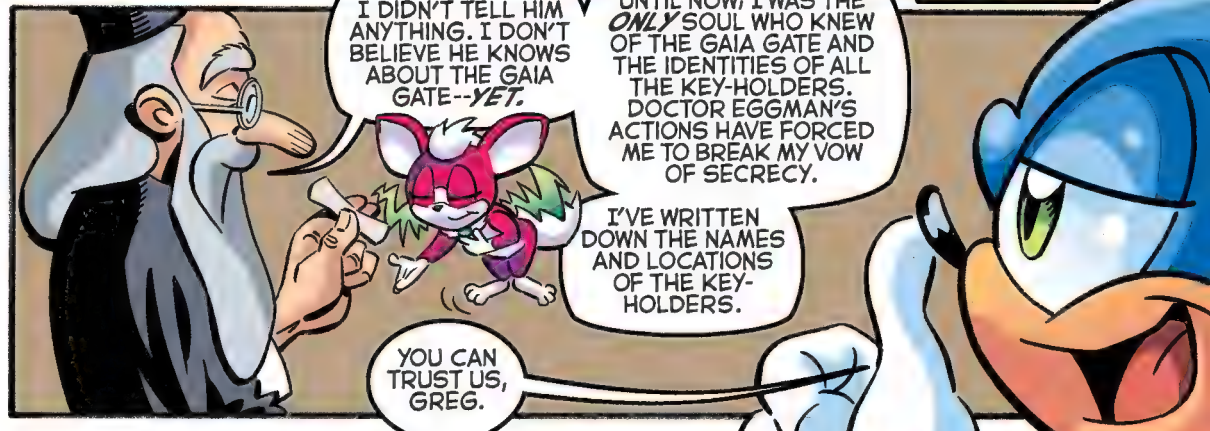


YOU **MUST** GATHER THE KEYS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! SINCE THE DOCTOR SENT METAL SONIC AFTER ME, HE MUST BE LOOKING FOR THE TEMPLES. IT WON'T TAKE LONG FOR HIM TO LEARN THAT HE NEEDS THE KEYS AS WELL.



I'M GLAD YOU WEREN'T HURT. WHAT HAPPENED WITH METAL SONIC?*

*STH #268.

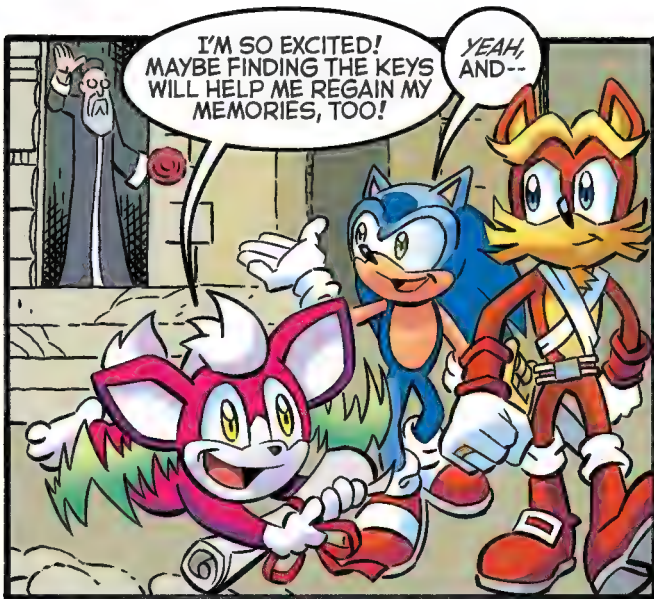


I DIDN'T TELL HIM ANYTHING. I DON'T BELIEVE HE KNOWS ABOUT THE GAIA GATE--YET.

UNTIL NOW, I WAS THE **ONLY** SOUL WHO KNEW OF THE GAIA GATE AND THE IDENTITIES OF ALL THE KEY-HOLDERS. DOCTOR EGGMAN'S ACTIONS HAVE FORCED ME TO BREAK MY VOW OF SECRECY.

I'VE WRITTEN DOWN THE NAMES AND LOCATIONS OF THE KEY-HOLDERS.

YOU CAN TRUST US, GREG.

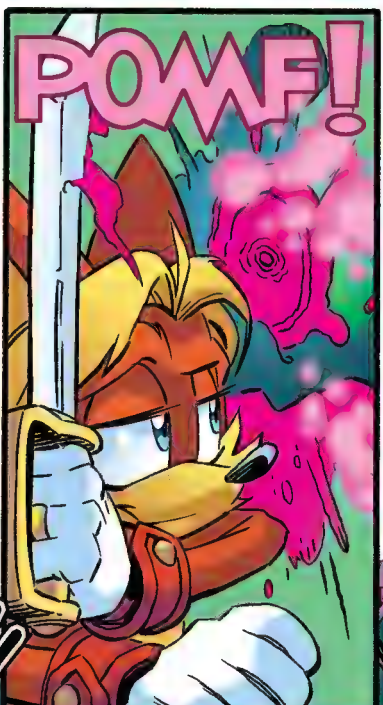
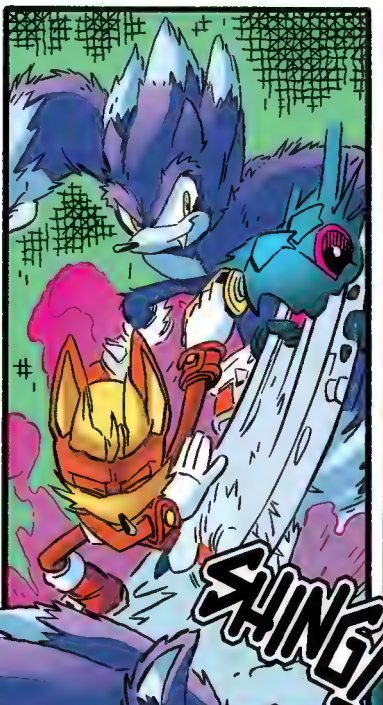




RUN!

NOT AGAIN!

HELP!

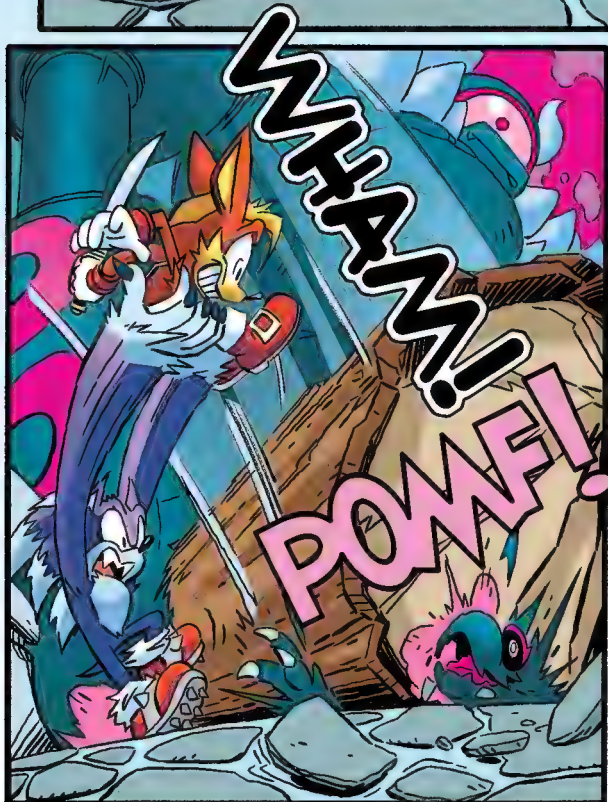
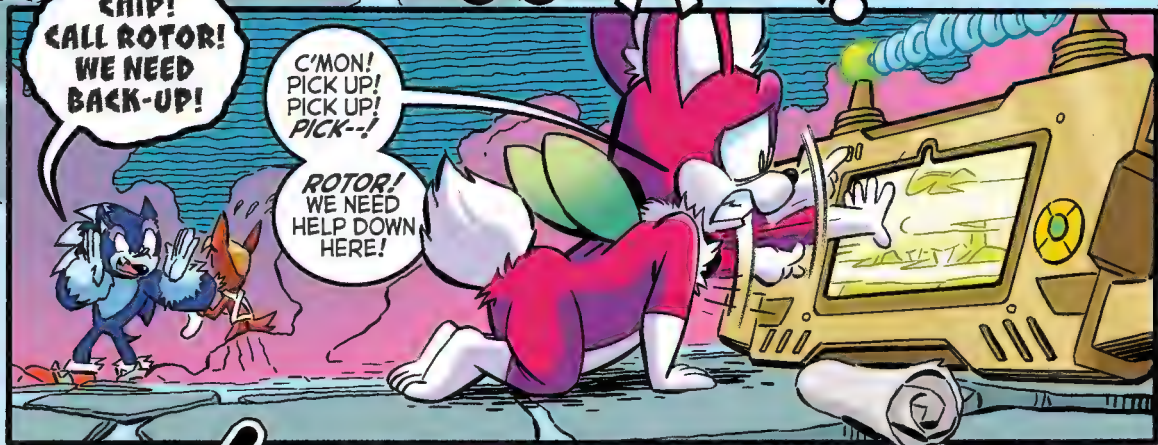


THE MONSTERS AREN'T TOO SPOOKY FOR YOU?

OH, I AM QUITE TERRIFIED.

BUT I CAN, HOW YOU SAY, "DEAL WITH IT."





WHLID!

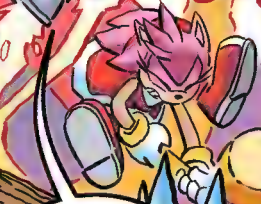


RRRRGH!



POW!

ZOT!



HAVIN' FUN, SUGAR-HOG?

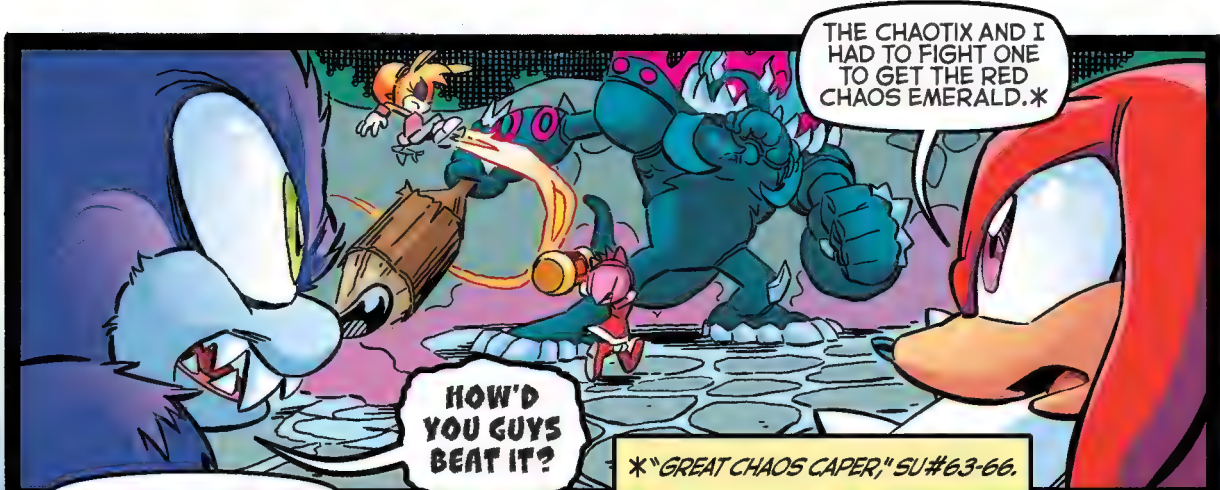
PIKO!

SALLY CALLED AND SAYS HER TEAM IS FINE, BY THE WAY!

GREAT-- ANOTHER ONE OF THESE...

FRIEND OF YOURS?





THE CHAOTIX AND I HAD TO FIGHT ONE TO GET THE RED CHAOS EMERALD.*

HOW'D YOU GUYS BEAT IT?

*"GREAT CHAOS CAPER," SU#63-66.

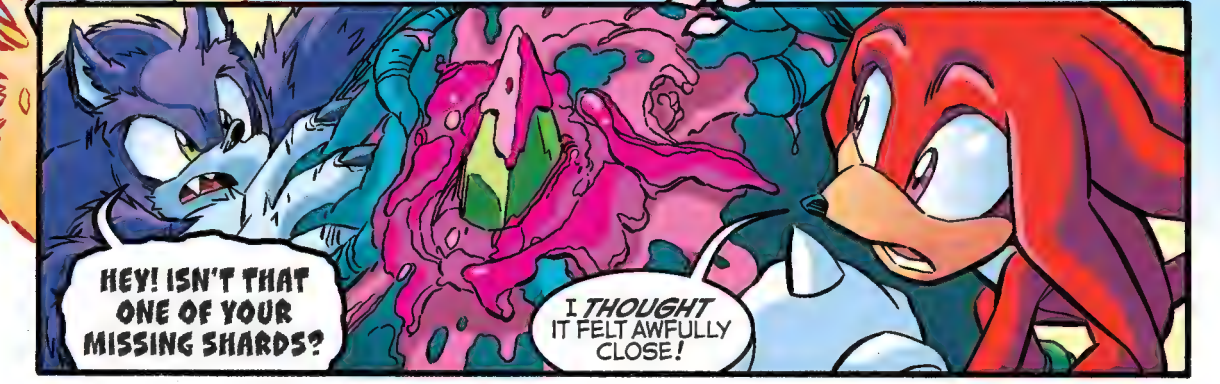
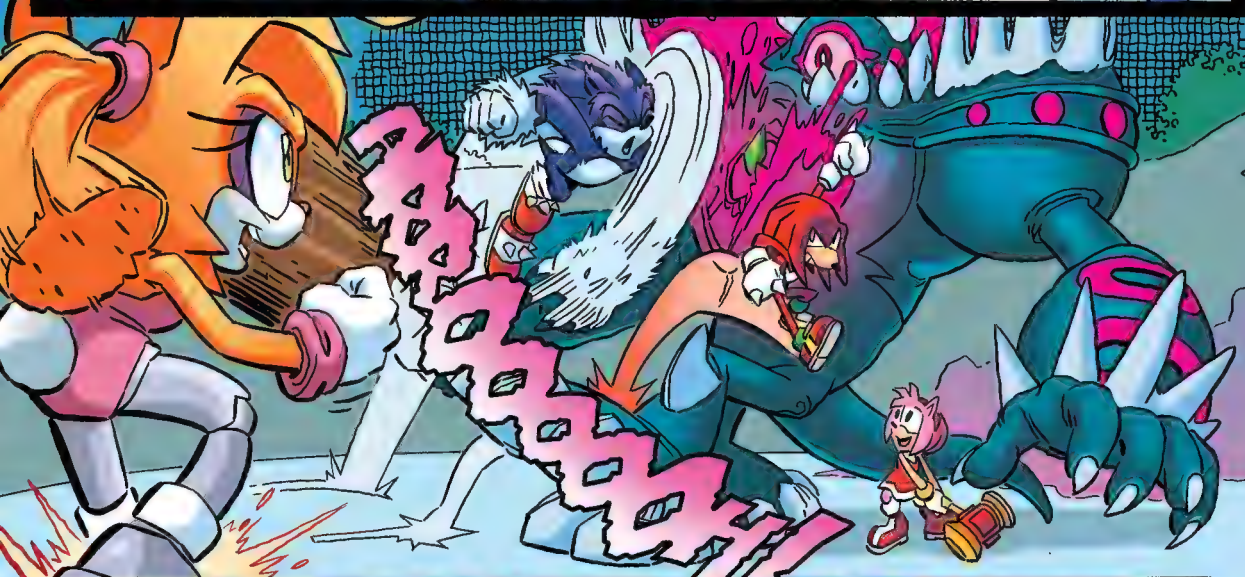


UH...TRICKED BEAN INTO BOMBING THE CRUD OUT OF IT, AND THEN I PUNCHED IT LOTS...?



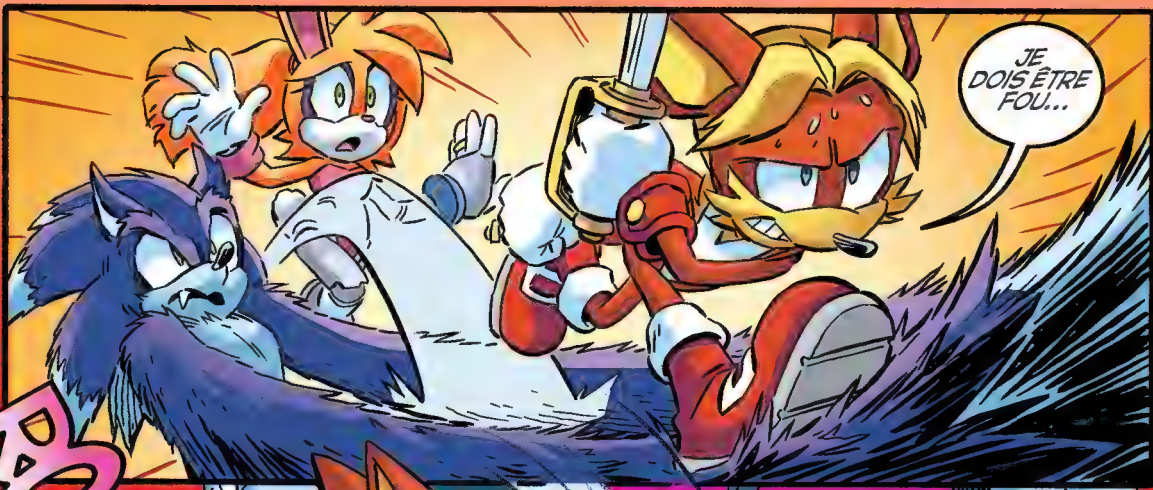
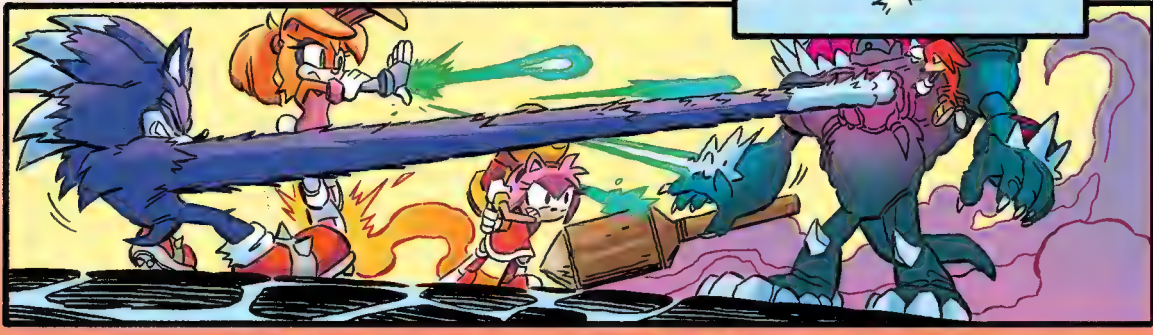
"PUNCH IT LOTS" IT IS!

I LIKE THIS VERSION OF YOU.



HEY! ISN'T THAT ONE OF YOUR MISSING SHARDS?

I THOUGHT IT FELT AWFULLY CLOSE!



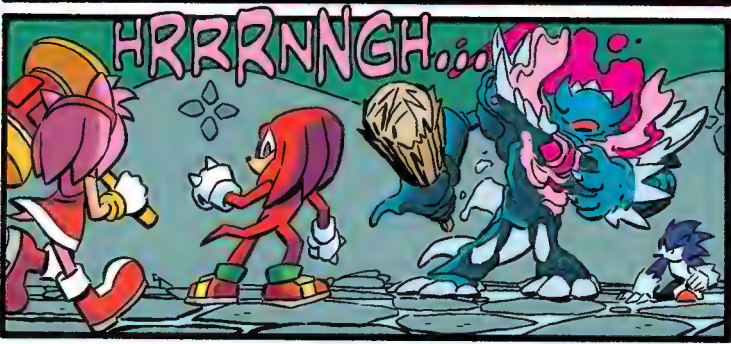
SHOOM!



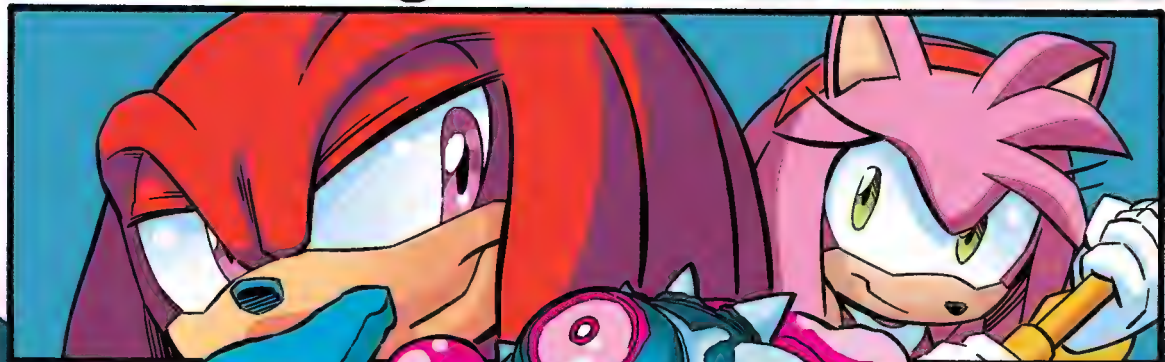
THAT'S MAH MAN!

HEH! LET US BE SAVING ZE WORLD SO I AM NEVER HAVING TO DO ZAT AGAIN.

ROOAR!



HRRRNNGH...



PIKO!

NICE WORK. THIS **ALMOST** MAKES UP FOR THE TOURNAMENT.*

THE ROUND **STARTED!** I THOUGHT YOU WERE **READY!** STOP MAKING ME THE BAD GUY!

HERE WE GO, **KNUX.** I HEARD YOU WERE **COLLECTING THESE.**

THANKS! ONE MORE DOWN...**ER** ...A BUNCH TO GO.

CAN YOU BE PUTTING ME DOWN NOW? ZE OTHERS--ZEY ARE STARTING TO LOOK!

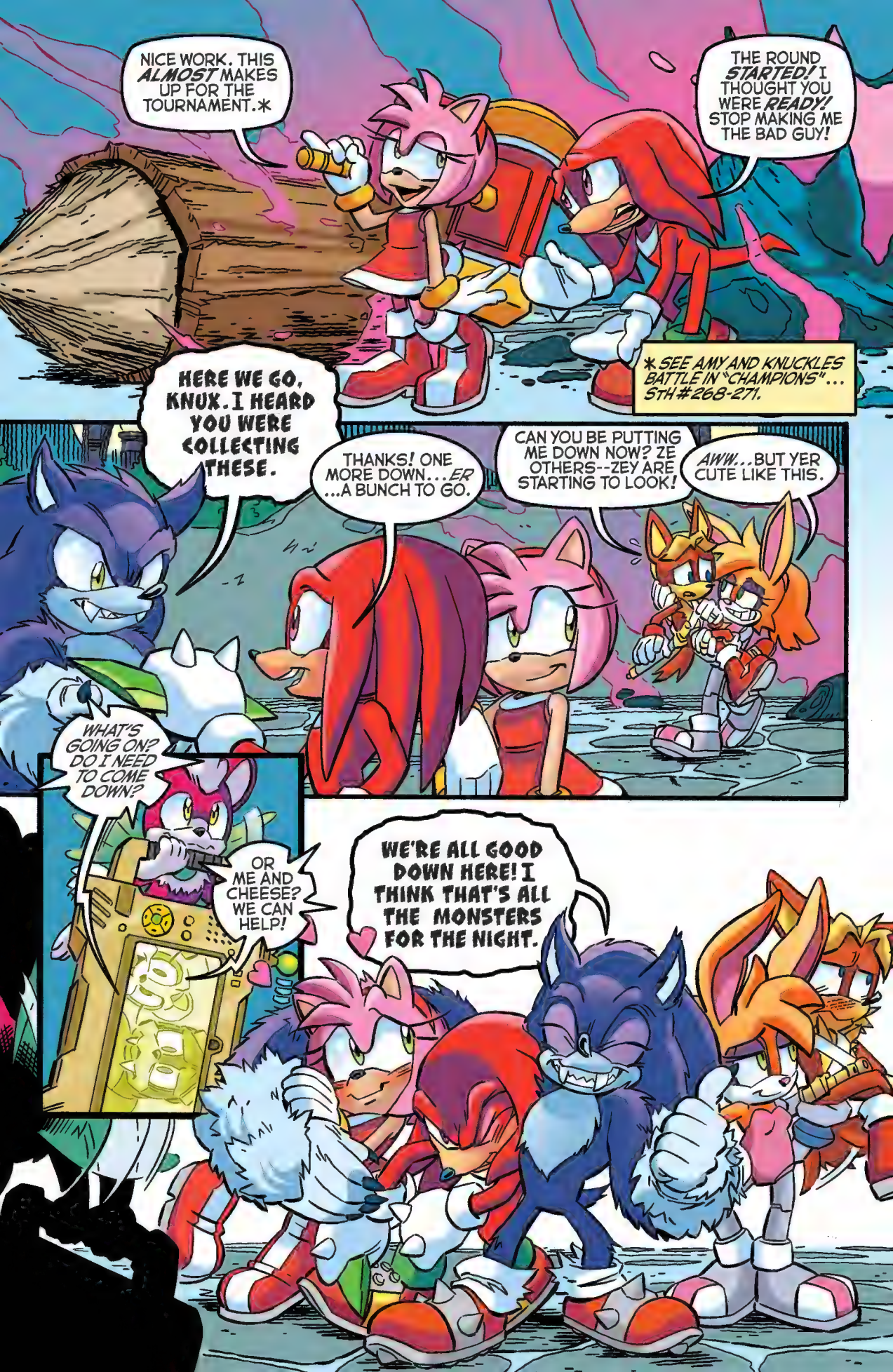
AWW... BUT YER CUTE LIKE THIS.

* SEE AMY AND KNUCKLES BATTLE IN "CHAMPIONS"... 5TH #268-271.

WHAT'S GOING ON? DO I NEED TO COME DOWN?

OR ME AND CHEESE? WE CAN HELP!

WE'RE ALL GOOD DOWN HERE! I THINK THAT'S ALL THE MONSTERS FOR THE NIGHT.



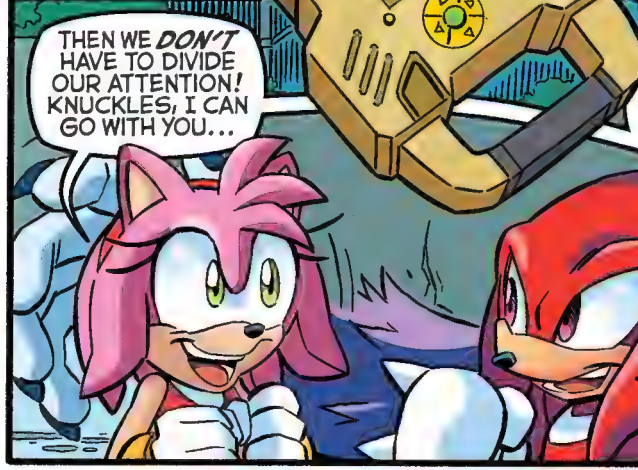
AND-AND-AND
WE GOT A LIST
OF ALL THE
PEOPLE WE
NEED TO TALK
TO...



...SO WE CAN
USE A SUPER-
HANDY MAGIC
SHORTCUT TO
ALL THE GAIA
TEMPLES!

WAIT--DOES
THAT MEAN
WE KNOW
WHERE ALL
THE TEMPLES
ARE NOW?

WE DON'T NEED
TO KNOW. ALL WE
NEED TO DO IS BRING
A BUNCH OF KEYS
HERE AND WE CAN
GET TO THEM ALL
FROM ONE SPOT.



THEN WE DON'T
HAVE TO DIVIDE
OUR ATTENTION!
KNUCKLES, I CAN
GO WITH YOU...



...WE CAN FIND
THE SHARDS, AND
MAYBE SAVE ANGEL
ISLAND BEFORE
THE WORLD IS
REPAIRED!

BEST
NEWS I'VE
HEARD ALL
DAY!



HOLD
ON...YOU'RE
LEAVING
US?

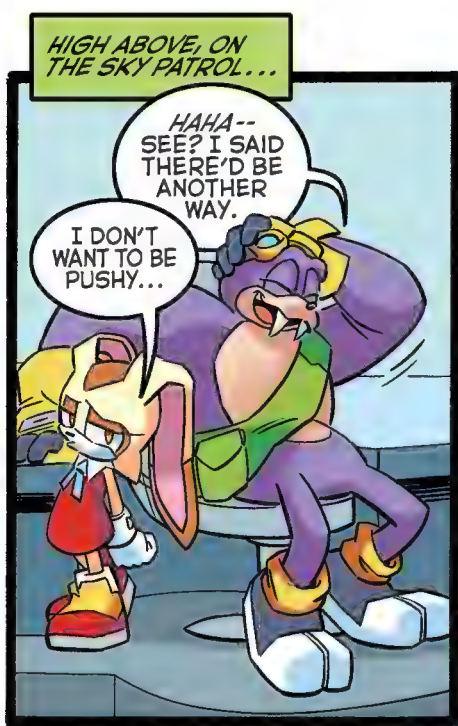
JUST UNTIL WE
FIND ALL THE
SHARDS AND
RESTORE ANGEL
ISLAND.

DON'T WORRY
--I'LL KEEP
KNUCKLES SAFE.



WASSAMATTER,
SHAGGY?
JEALOUS?

DO NOT EVEN
START WITH ME,
KNUCKLE-HEAD.



HIGH ABOVE, ON THE SKY PATROL...

HAHA-- SEE? I SAID THERE'D BE ANOTHER WAY.

I DON'T WANT TO BE PUSHY...



...BUT WHEN DO I GET TO GO ON MISSIONS?

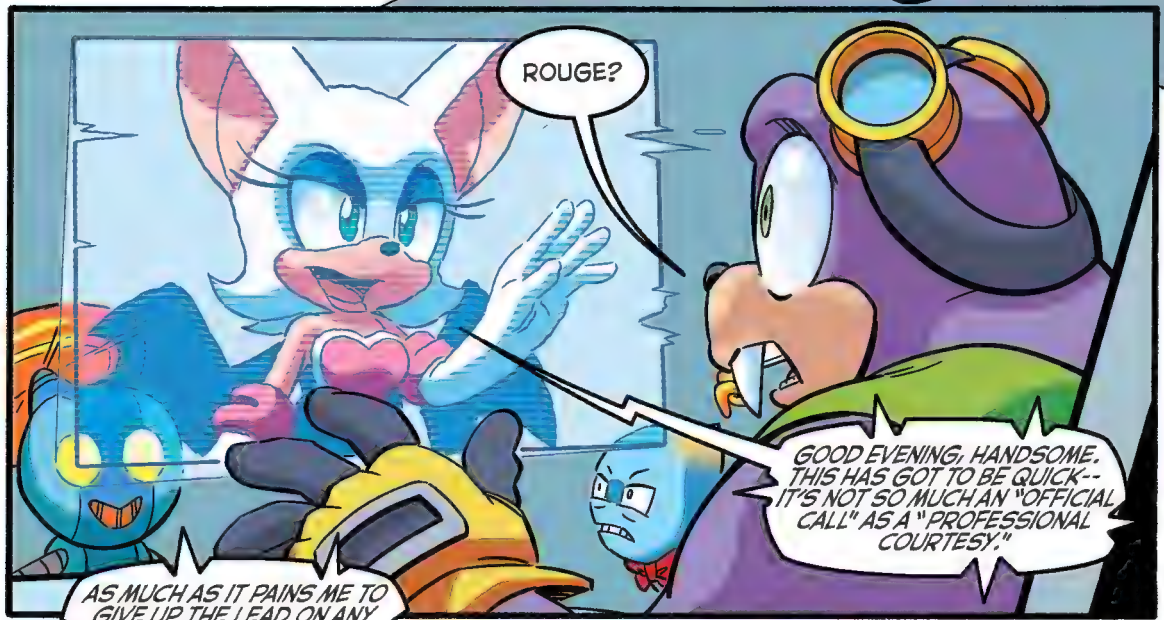
WHEN THEY DON'T INVOLVE MONSTERS SPAWNED FROM PURE EVIL.

MAN! TONIGHT JUST WON'T QUIT...

INCOMING CALL! LINE THREE!

IS THIS ABOUT THE ESPRESSO MACHINE?*

*CREAM HAD AN... INCIDENT... IN SU#71.



ROUGE?

GOOD EVENING, HANDSOME. THIS HAS GOT TO BE QUICK-- IT'S NOT SO MUCH AN "OFFICIAL CALL" AS A "PROFESSIONAL COURTESY."

AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO GIVE UP THE LEAD ON ANY TREASURE, A G.U.N. UNIT FOUND A CHAOS EMERALD IN CRYSTAL DESERT ZONE.



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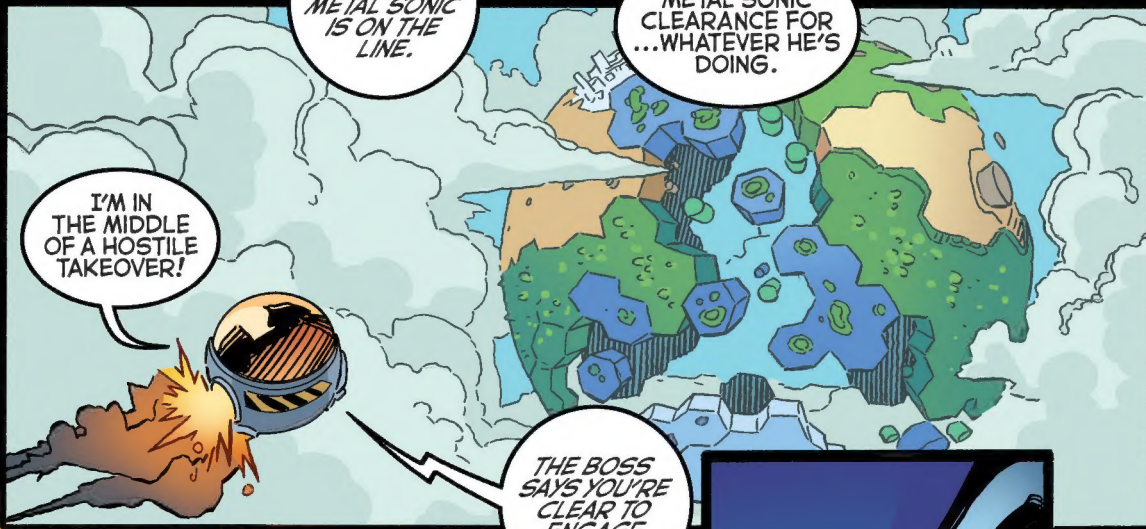
ABSOLUTELY!

MEANWHILE...



MESSAGE FOR YOU, SIR. METAL SONIC IS ON THE LINE.

GIVE METAL SONIC CLEARANCE FOR ...WHATEVER HE'S DOING.

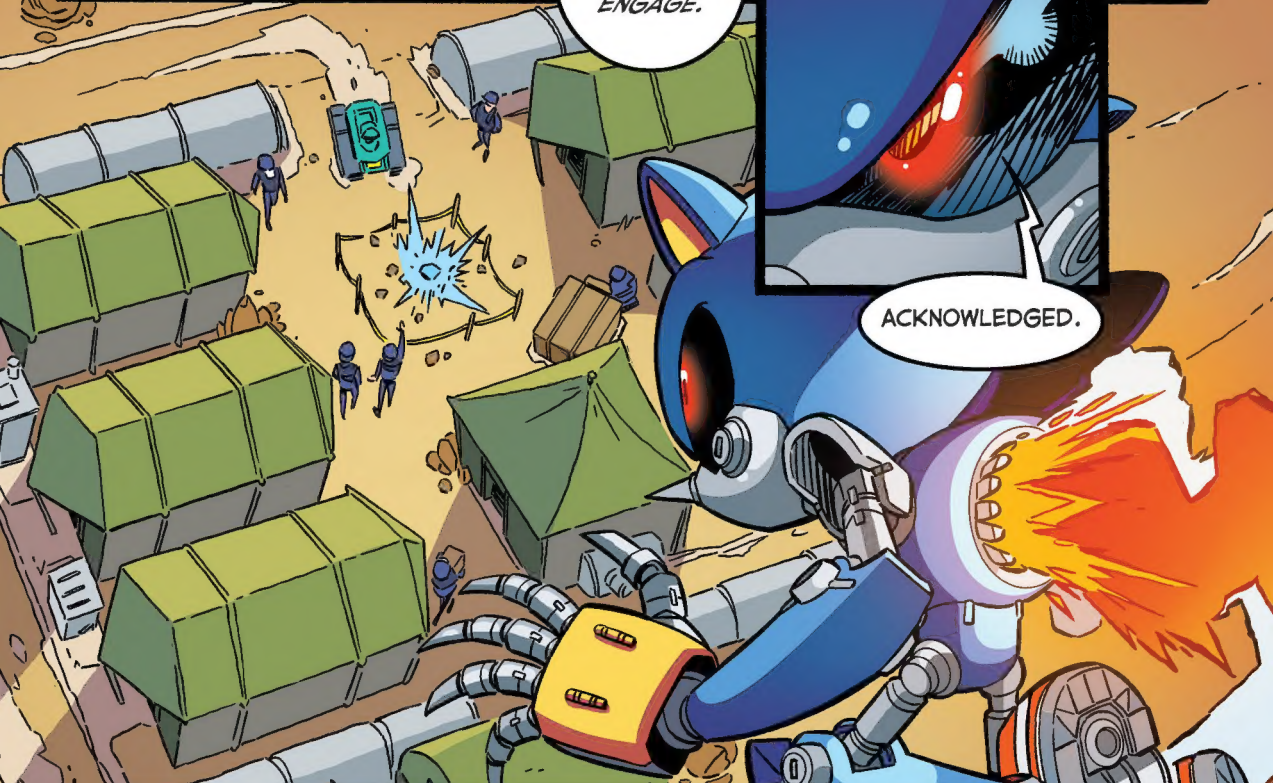


I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A HOSTILE TAKEOVER!

THE BOSS SAYS YOU'RE CLEAR TO ENGAGE.



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OFF-PANEL

THE CASE OF THE VANISHING COMIC STRIP!

WAIT, WHAT? WE WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO BE IN THIS ISSUE'S OFF-PANEL...

THE EDITOR REJECTED OUR MADONNA/ROUGE GAG! ROUGE JUST SASHAYED OUT!

NOONONONONONO! WE'RE ALREADY THREE PANELS IN!!!



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PART THREE of TWELVE



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